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BY OVERNIGHT MAIL

Regional Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. EPA, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard (MI-9J)
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

Re: FOIA Request

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request for public records under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. I request electronic copies (or if electronic copies are not available, printed copies) of the following public records:

Requests:

1. Data relating to the quality of drinking water in the City of Evanston, Illinois from January 1, 2013 to the present, including but not limited to Consumer Confidence Reports (also known as the annual drinking water quality reports); compliance monitoring data; and sampling protocols, sampling data, analyses, and technical reports.
2. Communications between U.S. EPA and any private or governmental entity relating to the quality of drinking water in the City of Evanston between January 1, 2013 and the present.
3. Violation notices, administrative orders, enforcement actions, and fines against the City of Evanston relating to the quality of drinking water in the City of Evanston between January 1, 2013 and the present.
4. Documents relating to allegations or information suggesting that the City of Evanston's drinking water is contaminated or potentially contaminated with benzo(a)pyrene, fluoranthene, phenanthrene, or contaminants allegedly associated with coal tar, waste oil, or infrastructure allegedly associated with the former manufactured gas plant formerly located at Oakton & McCormick in Skokie, Illinois (the "Skokie MGP"), including but not limited to communications between U.S. EPA and any private or governmental entity and internal agency documents, communications, and memoranda.
5. Documents relating to allegations or information suggesting that contamination, black crust, or crustaceous material is present on, in, or near the water distribution line that runs along Dodge Avenue in the City of Evanston, including but not limited to communications between U.S. EPA and any private or governmental entity and internal agency documents, communications, and memoranda.

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6. Documents relating to any communications, reports, testing, or analysis pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Section 141.42(d) concerning the public water distribution system in the City of Evanston.
7. Documents relating to allegations or information suggesting that coal tar, waste oil, or infrastructure allegedly associated with the Skokie MGP is related to contamination or potential contamination in the City of Evanston, including but not limited to relevant files of Brad Benning, U.S. EPA; communications between U.S. EPA and any private or governmental entity, and internal agency documents, communications, and memoranda.
8. Internal agency documents, communications, and memoranda relating to the following:
 - a. September 25, 2015 letter from Jeep & Blazer, LLC, to Ms. Susan Hedman, then U.S. EPA Region 5 Administrator;
 - b. February 10, 2016 report prepared by David M. Hendron, PE, SCS Engineer, entitled "Sampling and Analytical Report for Dodge Avenue Water Main Replacement";
 - c. February 12, 2016 email from Jeffery D. Jeep, Jeep & Blazer, LLC, to Leverett Nelson, Regional Counsel U.S. EPA Region 5; and
 - d. A document entitled, "Table 1, 'Drinking Water and Internal Pipe Crust Results – Detected VOCs and SVOCs Water and Internal Crust Samples from Sites Near Dodge Avenue Water Main Replacement Project'" and associated laboratory reports.

As required by FOIA, we seek a complete submission and response within twenty working days of receipt of this request. In the event that any component or portion of this request is not fully complied with, we also require a written response specifically explaining the reason for such refusal or failure.

This request is *not* being made for a commercial purpose. I am willing to pay the applicable fees for processing this request, but if the estimated fees will exceed \$250.00, please notify me before processing.

Please direct your response to me at the address listed on this request. Thank you for your time and prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,


Mark R. Ter Molen